

SUBJECT NO. 226.

Ayurvedic Hospitals.

(a) Mr. Rajagopaliengar, Chikballapur.

(b) Mr. A. Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(a) It is prayed that as a tentative measure an Ayurvedic Hospital may be established at each taluk headquarter.

(b) Those who have passed in the Ayurvedic College, Mysore, may be given a grade similar to that of Hospital Assistants and appointed as vaidyas in Taluk headquarters and Unions.

(a) *Withdrawn.*

Messrs. Ramanna and Surasastri.—Ayurvedic Hospitals may be established on a large scale and the prospects of vaidyas may be bettered.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—As District Boards cannot find sufficient funds for the employment of vaidyas, it is requested that some aid may be granted out of State Funds.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The Ayurvedic system deserves to be encouraged. The rules made for admission to the Ayurvedic College are not satisfactory and it is hard to find candidates possessing the qualifications required for admission in English and Sanskrit. They should therefore be revised.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 227.

Supply of chemicals.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Government may be pleased to request the Senior Surgeon to obtain chemicals and other patent medicines required for use in hospitals from Indian (native) firms such as Professor Gajjar's Alembic Chemical Works in Bombay, whenever it is feasible to do so. It appears that the Baroda Government have been getting all the necessary chemicals and drugs from the above firm.

Reply of Government.—The firm referred to may send in price lists to the Government Medical Stores where they will be scrutinized before the annual supplies are indented for.

SUBJECT NO. 228.

Publication in the *Mysore Gazette* of names of deceased in-patients of the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tumkur District Board.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 229.

The Public Health Department.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(a) The Government may be pleased to state

- (1) The amount of cost incurred in the shape of salary and batta of the officers and servants of the newly created Department of Public Health.

(2) What improvements have been effected in the Cities of Mysore and Bangalore by the Department which has been working for three years.

(3) The total cost incurred till now on account of the Health Exhibition held in Mysore.

(b) This Department has been in existence for the last three years and has not been found in any way beneficial to the public. The Health Exhibition has been a regular item of work of this Department but it is superfluous to the literate, and useless to the ryots and the illiterate. With the cost incurred hitherto on this, many neglected towns and villages could have been improved through local agency. The people will be more benefited by works of utility than by the maintenance of a separate Department for the sole purpose of offering advice. The employment of a large number of Sanitary Inspectors and sweepers in preference to the highly paid Health Officers will be of much help in the improvement of public health. The Sanitary Inspectors may be instructed to visit villages often and they will thereby come in direct contact with the masses and will be able to impress upon them new ideas of health and sanitation. They may be placed under the control of Deputy Commissioners and Amildars and Municipal and Local Boards.

Mr. D. Venkataramiah.—The Department by itself is good and is likely to improve the condition of the people. The difficulty is in the way in which the Sanitary Officers work. They are over zealous in the reforms they wish to introduce. They should first try to educate the people and win their confidence. But they want to force at once on the people ideas which may be good, say, 50 years hence. They seem to think that prosecuting the people would improve them; but this is a great mistake. The working of the municipality is not smooth for want of good understanding between the higher officers and on account of the desire of the Health Officers to acquire larger powers. They want control over finance. The impression created in Bangalore is that the amount spent on these officers is not commensurate with the work turned out. The Health Officers should be asked to direct their efforts to educate the masses as regards sanitation.

Mr. V. Raghavachar.—For a number of years we were getting on very well with a single head for the Mysore City Municipality. After the Sanitary Department was organised as a separate Department, there has been a lot of dissatisfaction. The Department has become top-heavy. When applications are made for licenses to repair houses, etc., it takes nearly six months to dispose of them. So

far as inspection is concerned I do not see much improvement. Highly paid officers at the present stage are not necessary. We may begin at the bottom and employ Sanitary Inspectors and if these are not enough, highly paid officers may be employed later on to superintend their work.

Mr. A. Anniah Pandit.—The Health Officer should co-operate with the Vice-President and should not seek to be independent of him. There should be one master and many servants. It is a waste of funds to employ two highly paid Vice-Presidents for the Municipality. If Health Officers are absolutely necessary in Municipalities, they may be appointed as Vice-Presidents and the Revenue Vice-Presidents may be removed. Officers who do not understand the language of the country and the habits and customs of the people are not likely to be of any good as Health Officers.

Mr. Garudachar.—The employment of Sanitary Inspectors will be enough. The appointment of a Health Officer is quite unnecessary. Important schemes of sanitation, drainage, etc., may be attended to by the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer.

Mr. Sankaranarayana Rao.—The people are thankful to the Government for the annual allotment of Rs. 40,000 made out of State-Funds on account of the Health Department. The question is how best this amount may be utilized. Sanitary ideas can reach the masses only through the subordinate officers. Instead of employing higher sanitary officers, more hospitals and dispensaries may be established and hospital assistants employed, and these may look after the sanitary requirements of the people.

Mr. Krishnachar.—Many deaths have been occurring in Seringapatam from fever and other causes and nothing has been done by the District Health Officer to improve the place.

Reply of Government.—The Public Health Department is doing good and useful work and the results can only be perceived as time goes on. The Government are not prepared to concede that there are any reasons for discontinuing the work that has been begun so well. (*Vide* also memorandum by Lt.-Col. Smyth, the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner. Appendix E.)

SUBJECT No. 230.

Discontinuance of the
Health Exhibition.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringa-
patam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The health exhibitions annually held in Mysore have been in no way beneficial to the people. The cost may with advantage be utilized for the improvement of village sanitation.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.